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Dear Mr. Segesta,

From your letter of 7/26, I take it you did not hear the entire show with Jack McKinney, for I also mentioned you and your kindnesses, and how they helped. Right now I very much regret that in my earliest days in the archive I just could not afford to get documents I really wanted because I suspected they were important. Now I know they are and haven't time to double back. From Photographic Whitewash, I think you understand the value of what you helped. In the New Orleans book, to be published as a reprint only by Parallax and with more than 300 pages of documents by me, you will see still more. Thereafter, there will be at least two more books with documents printed.

Every letter, like yours to the Times, helps. It influences whoever reads it, no matter how little. If you still have that Detroit Free Press editorial, I'd like a copy.

My pace is only slightly slackened, but my body is very tired. I know that before I'll have to rest I'll be able to complete what I have set out to get printed this year. The non-organic sequel may take a little longer. After the New Orleans book will be one on the autopsy.

Our financial condition improved slightly and briefly. Based on the royalties due me in September from Dell, on the first book, I borrowed money from the bank and bought a finished house (we have been living in an unfinished one for very long). The entire royalty will disappear when I get it. Because of their nonperformance on the first, I would not let Dell have the second without a sufficient advance to finish paying for the private printings. I've done PW on credit and will go very considerably in debt to do the complete New Orleans book. People now think they know the entire story, and unless there is means of telling them these books have new information, the books will not sell as well. They boycott is now stronger, against me. Stations that were glad to have me with the first now will not have me at all. What I did to Louis Nizer and others in debates and the uncompromising position I take, I presume, are the reasons. But it interferes with sales. Nonetheless, these things must be done, so I do them.

I wish I had more time to tell you more. Look for sensational developments from the note at the end of the index in PW and other aspects, about which I cannot now say more. I know you understand it, but I again apologize for the haste and again thank you for your help.

Sincerely,